

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/786,756  
Applicant: Hughes  
Filing Date: 02/25/2004  
Group Art Unit: 1793  
Confirmation No. 2866  
Title: Method for Producing Nitrogen to use in Underbalanced Drilling,  
Secondary Recovery Production Operations and Pipeline Maintenance

Examiner: Johnson

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT**

November 6, 2007

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed October 9, 2007, Applicant elects Invention I, Claims 1-23, drawn to a method for producing nitrogen, classified in class 423, subclass 219, without traverse.

Applicant concurrently files the following amendment to the claims withdrawing claims 24-81.